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...DO
YOU



...

HAVE
SOME
BUSINESS
WITH ME,

I'M
SURPRISED.

...PRINCE
SUI?

OH MY,
YOU'RE VISITING
MY UNCLE AT A
RATHER LATE
HOUR. YOU TWO
MUST BE CLOSE.

...YES.

...YO.

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET.

HE AND
FATHER
LOOKED
AFTER ME.

WHEN I WAS
LIVING IN
THE NEIGH-
BORING
COUNTRY.

I'M SURE HE
WILL BE
SHOCKED.

HE FINALLY
OPENED HIS
HEART TO IS
SOMEONE
WHO GOT
CLOSE ONLY
TO HURT HIM.

IF MY SHY
BROTHER
LEARNS THE
PERSON

I ALREADY
KNOW ABOUT
YOUR AND
UNCLE'S PLAN.

NOW THAT
YOU KNOW,
WHAT DO
YOU INTEND
TO DO?

PRINCE
SUI...

STIRRED
YOU TO
PLAY THE
VILLAIN?

WHAT IN
THE
WORLD...



...IT'S A
SIMPLE
MATTER.





Heh!

SN — AP

IT'D HAVE
TO BE
THAT...

NO ONE WOULD
ATTACK ANYONE
WITH A STRANGE
BODY LIKE YOURS.

BA-BMP

...I SEE.

IT'S
JUST THAT
I WAS
CARELESS

AND IT GOT
CAUGHT ON
SOME
FURNITURE.
THAT'S ALL.

...AAH.

THEN WHY
WERE YOU
TRIFLING WITH
ME SO MUCH?

DID YOU
JUST CALL
MY BODY
S-STRANGE
...?!

YOU
KNOW,
AYATO.

AFTER I
THOUGHT IT
OVER, YOUR
BODY...

I REALLY CAN'T
DEAL WITH IT.

Huh...?

Heh!
Heh!

WHY DID I
CONTINUE
KISSING YOU
SO CASUALLY?

I WONDER
WHY TOO...

NOR AM I
PREPARED TO BE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE LIFE OF
A CROWN
PRINCE WHO
BECAME A GIRL.

I'M NOT
PATIENT
ENOUGH TO
WAIT FOR
YOU TO
BECOME A
WOMAN...

YOU SAID
YOU COULD
BECOME
FEMALE FOR
ME, BUT

UNTIL THEN,
YOU'RE MALE.
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO WITH YOU?

What
Is he
saying
? ooo

HU...
GO...?

STROKE

I'M NOT
EVEN
SURE...

WHETHER I
LIKE YOU.

...WHAT
...?

AM I ANY
DIFFERENT
THAN

ANYONE
WHO'S LOST
THEIR MIND
BECAUSE OF
IT?

IS INDISCRIMI-
NATELY
CHARMED REGARDLESS
OF WHETHER THE
PERSON IS MALE
OR FEMALE,
WHOEVER COMES
NEAR YOU

BECAUSE
OF THE
MAGNOLIA

HUH?!

No...

way...

AYATO...

I'M NOT
REALLY IN
LOVE WITH
YOU.

THAT'S MY
CONCLU-
SION.

I WAS JUST
PLAYING
AROUND
WITH YOU.

WHY WOULD
YOU THINK I'D
FALL IN LOVE
WITH A PATHETIC
PERSON LIKE YOU
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

Oh....

I CAN SAY
WORDS LIKE

"LOVE" AND
"LIKE" TO
ANYONE.

Heh,
FORGIVE
ME.

YOU LOVE
ME... ALL
OF IT WAS...

YOU...

SAYING...

WAS AN
ILLUSION
CAUSED
BY THE
MAGNOLIA.

EVERY-
THING UP
UNTIL
NOW...

THANKS
FOR YOUR
FEELINGS.
BUT IT
DOESN'T
MATTER

DON'T
MAKE ME
REPEAT
MYSELF

B-BUT
I
REALLY
LOVE...

I
PROB-
ABLY

HAVEN'T
LIKED YOU
FOR EVEN A
SECOND.



WHY DID YOU

MAKE HIM DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

TO SEE THAT HURT FACE.

I JUST WANTED ...



HE'LL DIE YOUNG?

DIDN'T YOU SAY IF BIG BROTHER BECOMES A WOMAN,

SUI ...

DIDN'T YOU HEAR.



YES

LIKE ANGELA.

MY CONVERSATION WITH YOUR FATHER?





OH!

DIED BEFORE
MY FATHER
RETURNED.

BUT HE ALSO
LOST HIS EYE
WHILE HE WAS
RISKING HIS LIFE
TO RESCUE YOU



MY
MOTHER.

UNABLE TO BE
THERE WHEN
MOM DIED.

NOT ONLY
WAS MY
FATHER

BUT HIS
LOST EYE
AND HURT
FEELINGS
COULD NOT
BE HEALED.

THE KING'S
SUSPICION CLEARED
AFTER THE OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION.
AFTER THAT, FATHER
BECAME A GENERAL.

GILMAN
WAS DEMOTED
AND SENT TO
THE SAME
COUNTRY
AS I WAS.

MY BROTHER
DOUBTED ME
AND WITHOUT
GROUNDS. HE
EVEN DOUBTED
GILMAN BECAUSE
HE WAS KIND TO
ME.

BECAUSE IT
WAS A FRIEND
OF MINE WHO
REFERRED THE
MAID WHO
KIDNAPPED
AYATO.



I WAS
APPOINTED
AMBASSADOR
TO A
NEIGHBORING
COUNTRY, BUT
ACTUALLY I
WAS EXILED...

SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT

YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY
IMAGINE, CAN
YOU?

WHILE THE KING
WAS INVESTING A
FORTUNE TO BUILD
A SCHOOL TO
PROTECT HIS SON,

Something
like that
happened
...?

TO DO THAT, I
FED YOU
SWEET LIES.

FROM THE
START, I GOT
CLOSE TO YOU
IN ORDER TO
HURT YOU.

HURTING
THE PERSON
THE KING
TREASURES
THE MOST...

THAT IS
...

I WAS NEVER
IN LOVE WITH
YOU FOR A
SECOND!

it was
this...

Earlier
when
Hugo was
talking
about his
mother's
death...

MY SMALL
BIT OF
RETRIBUTION
AIMED AT
THE KING.

Hugo
was

That
alone is
heart-
breaking

THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO.

I'M
SORRY..
I
DIDN'T
KNOW
ANYTHING

BUT.

HUGO. !

I understand
the pain of
losing a
mother
during child-
hood, too











NAGI... I'M
BEGGING
YOU!

PRINCE
AYATO.
PLEASE
STOP.

BA-BAM!

DON'T
LEAVE ME
ALONE!

PLEASE
...

YOUR
HIGHNESS
...

I'VE

FALLEN IN
LOVE WITH
YOU!

I'M AFRAID
I'LL... I SCARED YOU
AND I HURT
YOU

GI

...NA...



"It's because of the Magnolia." That's what I told myself countless times, but these feelings would not disappear...

Perhaps the Magnolia...

AND...

I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF YOU AS DISGUSTING,

IT'S NOT, YOUR HIGHNESS. NO...

IT'S MY FAULT...

I'm sure since back then...

was an occasion for me to become aware of the feelings I had completely suppressed...

I'M SURE...

TUP

I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU

WHEN WE FIRST MET.

NAGI...?

I WANT TO
CLEAR UP LAST
NIGHT'S MIS-
UNDERSTAND-
ING...

OH!

NAGI...

YOU SAID
YOU SCARED
WHAT I ME BUT ...
WAS REALLY
SCARED OF
WASN'T YOU .

MISUNDER-
STANDING?

YOUR
HIGHNESS.
DO YOU WANT
TO SNEAK OUT
AND SEE THE
CAPITAL CITY?

AN
INCIDENT
?

THERE WAS
AN INCIDENT
THAT MOTIVATED
MY FATHER TO
ASSIGN A BODY
GUARD ONLY TO
ME

EVEN NOW,
YOU STILL
HAVE NIGHT-
MARES.

YES.

DO YOU
REMEMBER?
WHEN I WAS
A CHILD.

I HATED
SLEEPING
IN MY
BED .

COME
NOW,
HURRY
UP!

OVER
HERE.

WOW!

THERE ARE
A LOT MORE
PEOPLE HERE
THAN
INSIDE THE
CASTLE!

DON'T LET
GO OF MY
HAND !

OH!

IT'S A
SECRET
FROM THE
KING

Huh?

By the time
I realized
what was
happening,
I was being
tied up!

HUH ?

BE A GOOD
BOY AND

DON'T
STRUGGLE,
CROWN
PRINCE!

!



CLATTER

CLATTER

CLATTER

SLAM

THOMPSON

TCH

HNN!!

!

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

SILENCE..."

CHAK!

PRINCE
AYATO!

THE
PRINCE IS
SAFE!

AT THAT
TIME I WAS
JUST
SCARED...

AFTER THAT
I WAS SCARED
OF SLEEPING
IN A BED

I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHETHER
GENERAL
GILMAN WAS
AN ENEMY OR
AN ALLY.

AND MY
WORRIED
FATHER HIRED A
BODYGUARD
FOR ME

AT THAT
TIME. .

HUGO'S
MOTHER
DIED OF AN
ILLNESS...

HE LOST ONE
OF HIS EYES
WHILE SAVING
ME.
AND..

AS AN ACT
OF REVENGE
TOWARD MY
FATHER

HUGO
ONLY GOT
CLOSE TO ME
SO HE COULD
HURT ME

WHAT!?

...GENERAL
GILMAN
COULDN'T BE
THERE FOR
HER DEATH!

PRINCE
AYATO..



I HEARD
PRINCE
AVATO IS
GOING TO HAVE

MARRIAGE
MEETINGS
WITH SEVERAL
FIANCÉE
CANDIDATES.

PSSST
PSSST
PSSST
FUTURE
PRINCESS
CANDIDATES!
HOW
WONDERFUL!

HEY, COME
TO THINK
OF IT

PASS

TONK

TONK

Reference
Room

IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW, WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?

AND THEN BREAK UP WITH HIM.

BIG BROTHER MUST BECOME A MAN.

YES.

TO PROTECT PRINCE AYATO IN YOUR EYES?

IS THIS THE BEST PLAN

FROM THE START, THAT WAS THE INTENTION, SO

IT SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT, RIGHT?

I WANT YOU TO DO IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TONIGHT, IF YOU COULD.

I WANT YOU TO HURT BIG BROTHER SO MUCH HE'LL NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

ACCORDING TO UNCLE'S ORIGINAL PLAN,

HOWEVER, I'M NOT AS PATIENT AS MY UNCLE.

AND. ?



OUR
MOTHER...
DIED AT THE
AGE OF 27.

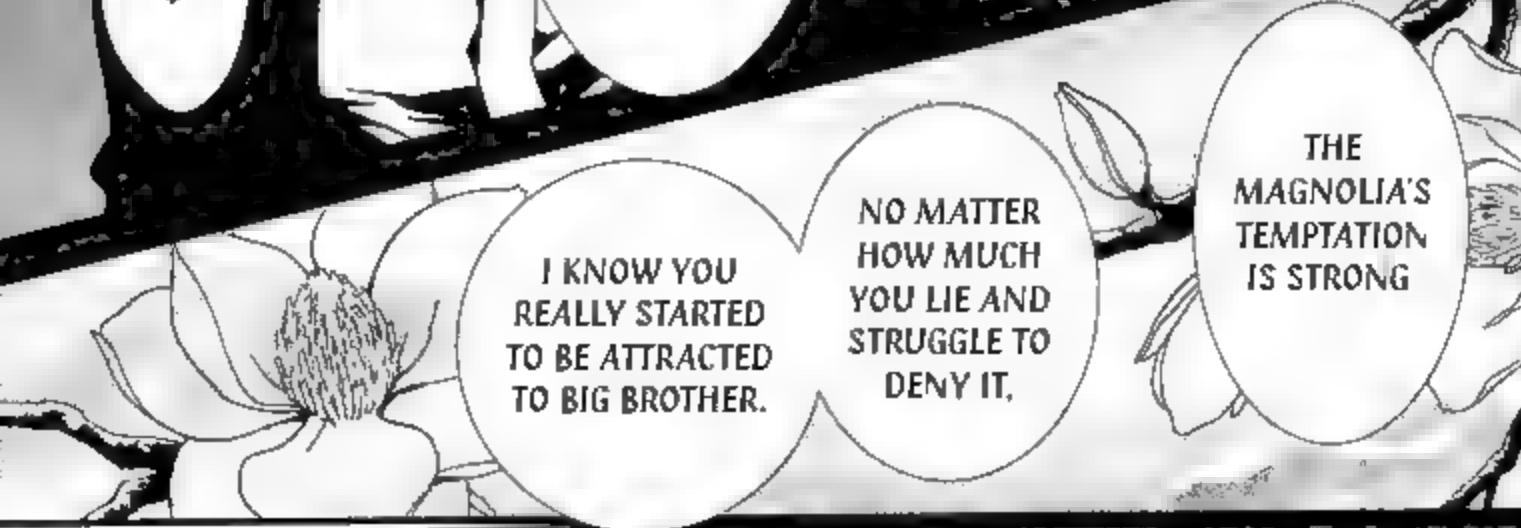
MAGNOLIA
FEMALES HAVE
SHORT LIVES.



YOU
PROBABLY
HEARD THIS
FROM MY
UNCLE, BUT...

THE
SITUATION
?

IF YOU INTEND
TO APPROACH
BIG BROTHER
AGAIN EVEN
THOUGH YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE
SITUATION



I KNOW YOU
REALLY STARTED
TO BE ATTRACTED
TO BIG BROTHER.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU LIE AND
STRUGGLE TO
DENY IT,

THE
MAGNOLIA'S
TEMPTATION
IS STRONG



When
I saw
his
hurt
face

I thought
I'd
feel
more
relieved

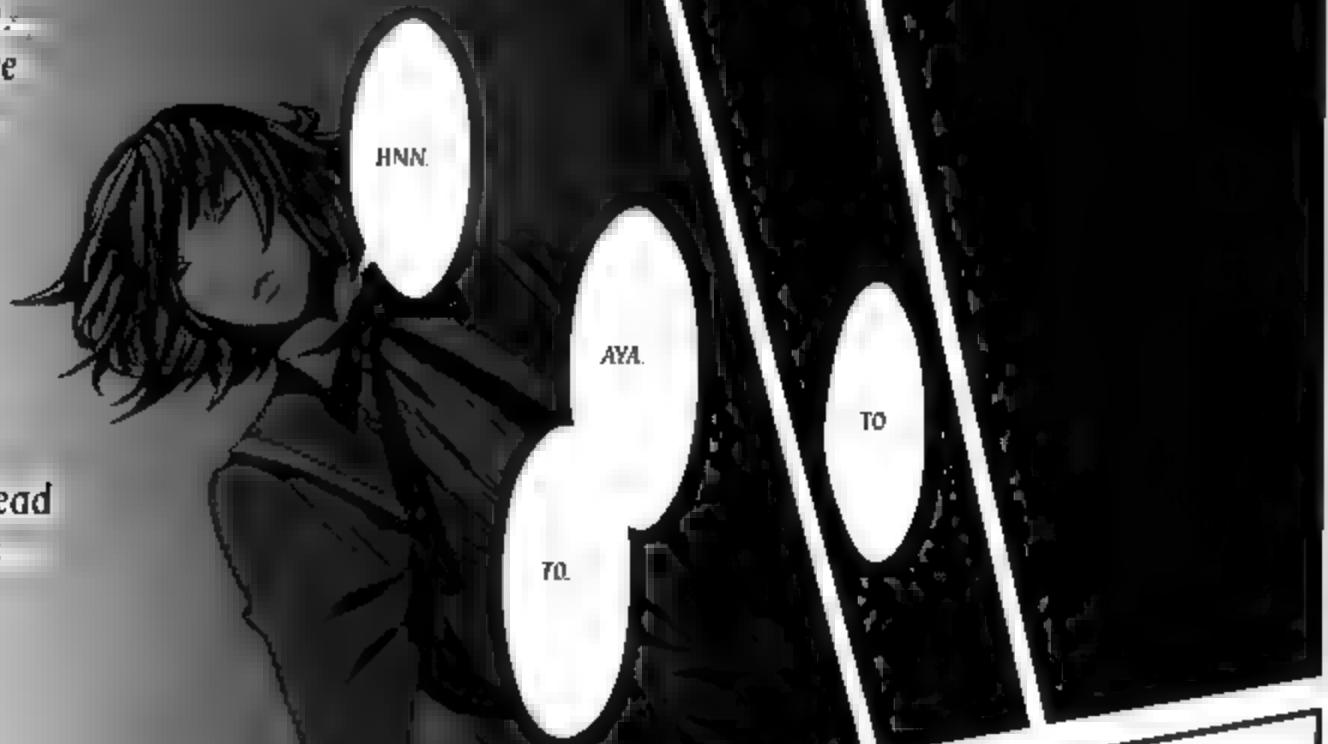
SO IF
YOU CARE
EVEN THE
LEAST BIT
FOR HIM,

YOU
SHOULD
STAY AWAY
FROM MY
BROTHER.

AND DON'T
WANT TO
KILL HIM,



My body
feels like
lead



My head
hurts



PLT

An earth-
quake?!

AN EARTHQUAKE
HAS JUST
OCCURRED
STUDENTS WHO
ARE ON CAMPUS,
IN ACCORDANCE
TO YOUR
TEACHER'S
INSTRUCTION,
QUICKLY TAKE
REFUGE PLEASE

I REPEAT
STUDENTS WHO
ARE ON CAMPUS.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME...

HUGO
...?!

YOU'RE
HURT!

HURRY UP
AND GO!
SO
PLEASE...

THIS IS MY
PUNISHMENT
FOR HURTING
YOU...

B-
BUT...!

HURRY
UP AND
GO!

YOU HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF HERE...
MY ARMS
ARE AT
THEIR
LIMIT...

YOU REALLY
DON T GET
IT !

ATONEMENT
AND THE LIKE
DON T MATTER
TO ME!

AYATO

THERE S
NO WAY!
URG
I CAN T

LET ME
ATONE.

I M STILL

EVEN THOUGH
YOU HATE ME

BUT I

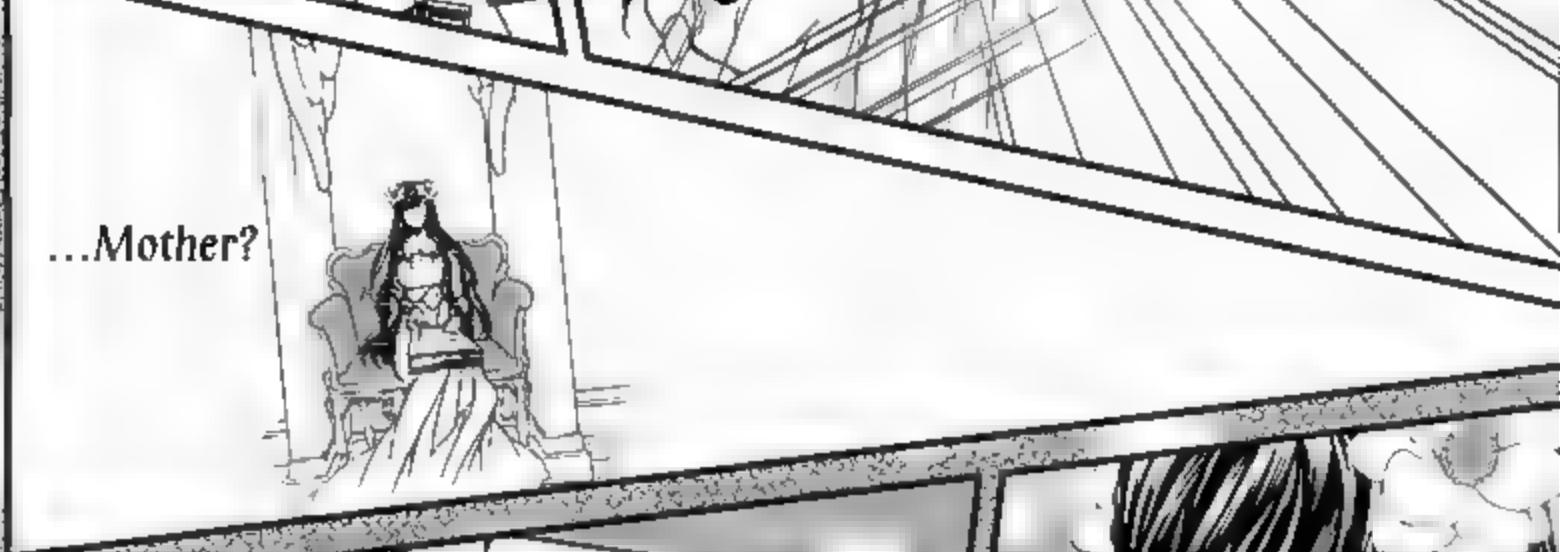
GLAD I
FELL IN
LOVE
WITH
YOU!!

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS

PRINCE
AYATO ?!

AUGH!! GUH!!
GUH!!

GUH!
GUH!



Is that
where
you left
a letter?



SPRING

YOUR
HIGHNESS
...

THANK
GOODNESS,
YOU'VE
AWAKENED...

Mother
...

Oh yeah...

AFTER WE
RESCUED YOU,
YOU LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS

YOU
SUFFERED
A SLIGHT
CONCUS-
SION

I'LL BRING
YOU SOME
WATER.

THANK
GOOD-
NESS. I
Phew!

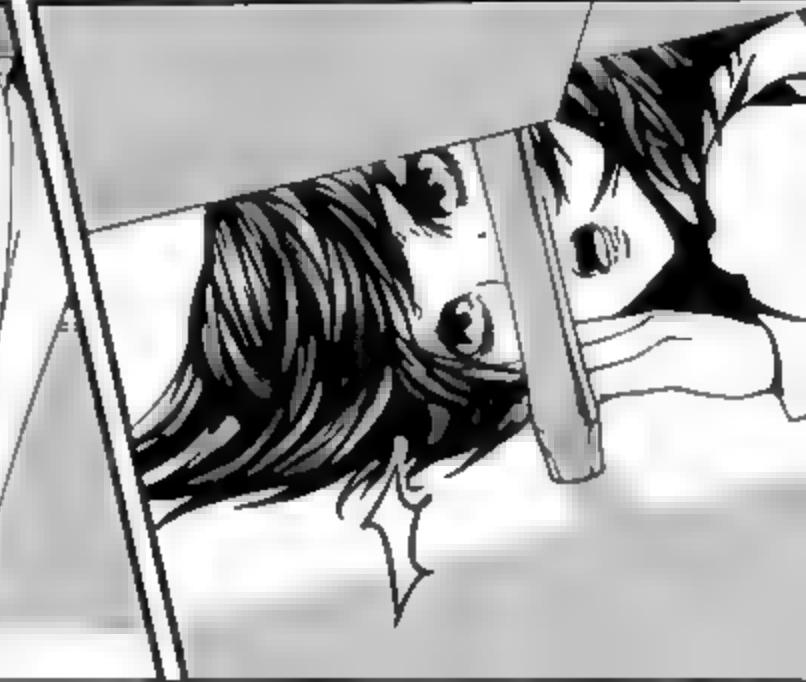
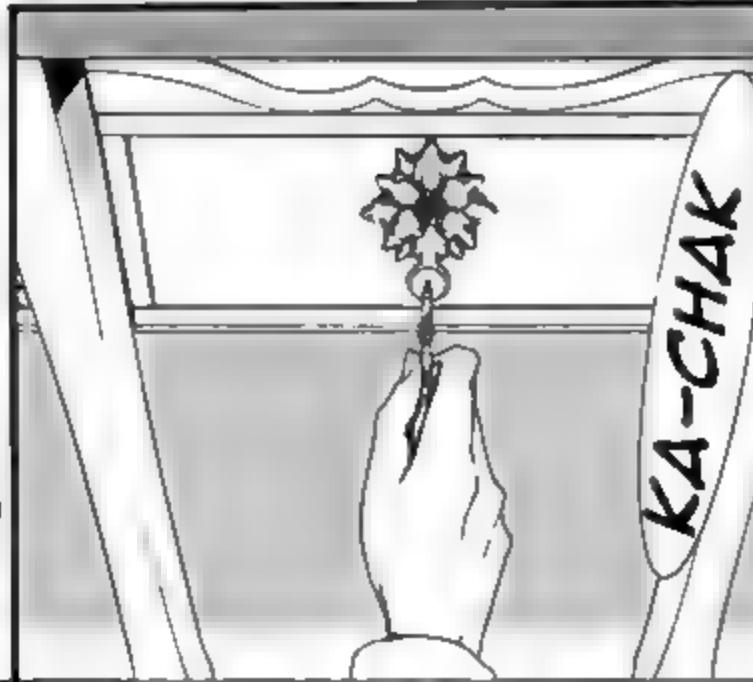
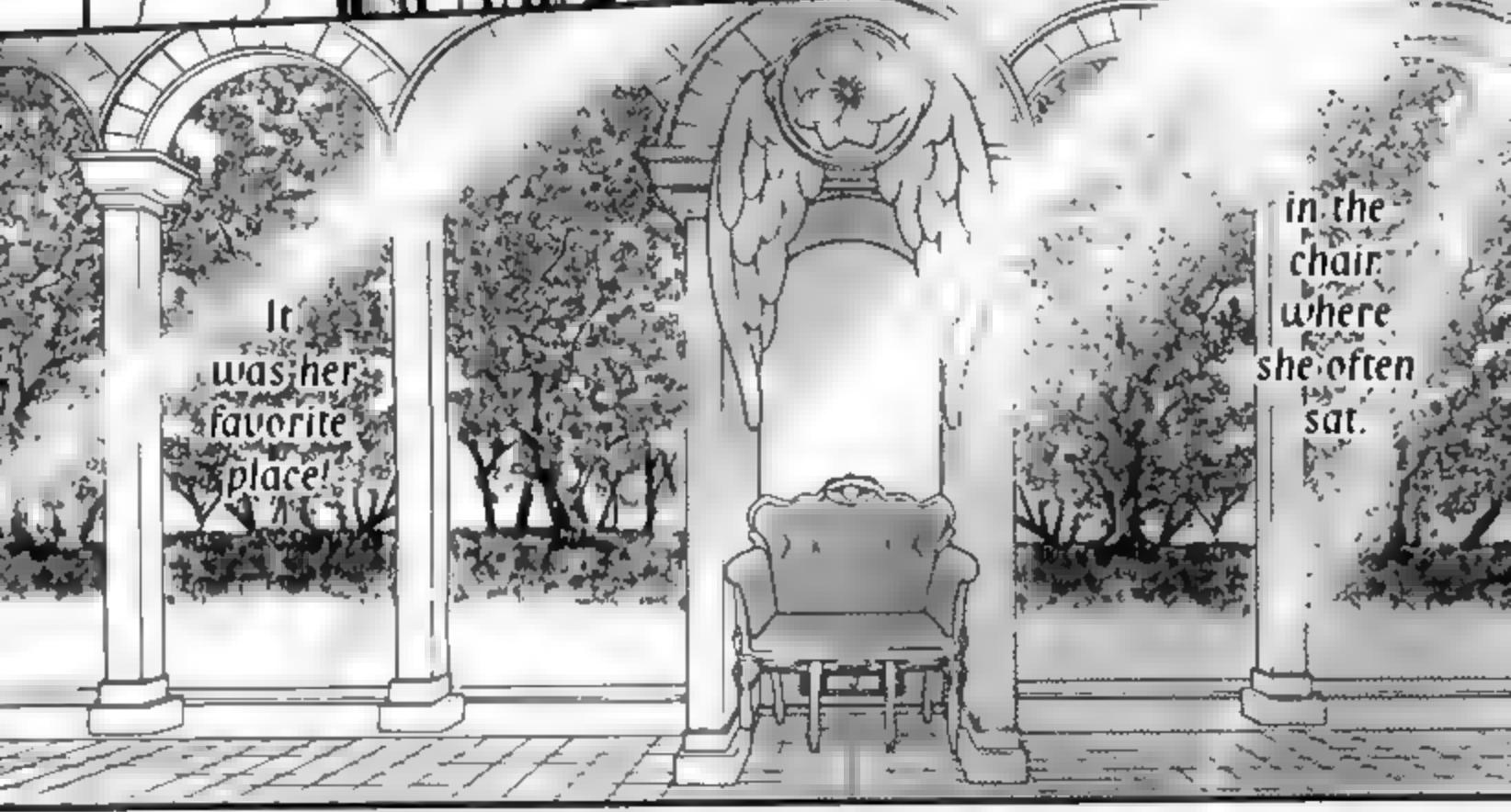
There was
an earth-
quake,
right?!

YOU
SHOULD
CONTINUE
TO REST.

HE'S
FINE.

HE'S BEING
TREATED AT
THE ONSITE
HOSPITAL.

WHERE'S
HUGO. ?!



Thank you
for finding
this, Ayato

This is my
final letter to
you

Ayato...

SHFF:

I found
it...

Mom's
letter!

I ONLY
LIGHTLY
HIT MY
HEAD!

I... I...
I'M FINE

ARE YOU
HURT?

HUGO...!

...OH!

An important story
about the special
wings on your back
disappearing after
you fall in love with
someone.

Do you
remember?

When you were
little, I told
only you three.



There's still
more to that
story... When
you fall in love
with someone,





I LOVE
YOU.

...HUGO...

Mother...!

Oh...

SH

Listen.
Ayato...

When that time
comes, you will
gain a different,
larger pair of
wings.



When you spread
your large wings,
I'll be able to see
you radiating.



PRINCE
AYATO!!!

Good for
you!



WHAT A
FABULOUS
FLOWER
SHOWER!!

OH
MY!

I WAS
WORRIED,
AND WHEN
I WENT TO
LOOK...



YOUR
HIGHNESS.

to always be
happy.

Angela

I wish for
you... and
your dear
friends

UH...
UMM
...

IT'S TIME FOR
YOUR DEBUT.
LET'S GO.

COME
ON,

I'M
SORRY...

BROTHER...

...YOU CAN
DO IT!

THE END